

2004 Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District Report of Accomplishment



Natural Resource Improvements in 2004 (Summary)

- Planted over 56,000 trees and shrubs on more than 75 acres of CRP and Riparian areas.
- Installed wildlife guzzlers in partnership with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Worked with Whitman County and Town of St. John to repair erosion damage to bridge.

Mission of Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District

- To access federal, state, and local programs, resources, and educational opportunities to assist our land owners and operators to maximize sustainable productivity, conserve and enhance all natural resources for now and future generations.

Water Quality Implementation

- Planted approximately 2 miles of riparian area. Assisted landowners to plant trees and shrubs on CRP ground signed up under the Riparian Forest Buffer Program. 53400 trees and shrubs were planted this last year, greatly enhancing the existing condition of the riparian areas.
- Repaired erosion damage to bridge. Working with Whitman County and the Town of St. John, repairs were implemented to stop the undercutting of bridge footings on a City bridge.

Implementation

- Installed wildlife watering guzzlers in partnership with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Inland Northwest Wildlife Council.
- Assisted the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife with Pheasant releases.
- Maintaining an inventory of wildlife guzzlers, rain gauges, min-max thermometers, and other conservation materials for sale to cooperators.
- Planted 2600 upland wildlife trees and shrubs.

Technical Assistance

- Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District offer soil testing to cooperators through our NAPT certified soil lab. These test are used to maintain nutrient management programs.
- Assisted cooperators with more than 100 burn permits.
- Completed 65 CRP plans under a TSP Agreement with NRCS.



Information and Education

- Assisted with the Whitman County Conservation District Council's fair booth at the Palouse Empire Fair. This provided an opportunity to interact with the general public on conservation issues.
- Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District hosted the Washington State Land Judging Contest.
- Assisted Whitman Conservation District with the local Envirothon Contest.
- PRLCD board and staff were involved with; WACD Plant Materials Center, Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp, WACD positions, Conservation Commission, Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association, Palouse Local Workgroup, WACD Dryland Ag. Committee, etc.
- Received local funding for educational projects from the Verle Kaiser foundation.

Planning

- Planning was completed for the Pleasant Valley Creek Restoration Project through the town of St. John. The project is funded through a Commission grant and assistance from the SE Area District Engineer.
 - Completed the Palouse Subbasin plan for the Northwest Power Planning Council.
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Basic Funding

- Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District was able to provide a quarterly publishing of the District Newsletter to approximately 320 cooperators, plus the communities of St. John and Endicott.
- Provide a part-time Soil Lab Technician to allow the cooperators in PRLCD and surrounding districts to test for nutrient management requirements for NRCS programs, and to be used as a field management tool.
- Provide insurance for the district through the Washington Governmental Entity Pool.
- Pay for election costs for the District Election.
- Provide training for the District Employees at the WADE Conference held in Leavenworth Washington
- Provide for the overhead costs of building maintenance and office supplies
- Provide dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts.
- Purchase of conservation materials.

